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FOR MR. GERLACH, NEA/ARP

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM KING KHALID TO PRESIDENT CARTER

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A LETTER FROM KING KHALID TO
PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR EXCELLENCY:

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR EXCELLENCY'S LETTER OF JULY 29, 1977,
IN WHICH YOU SET FORTH THE MISSION OF H.E. SECRETARY OF STATE
MR. CYRUS VANCE IN HIS MIDDLE EAST TOUR.

IT GIVES ME PLEASURE TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY
DEEP APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL UNDERSTAN-
DING AND LOGICAL DISCERNMENT OF THE DIMENSIONS OF THE MISSION
ENTRUSTED TO MR. VANCE AND FOR THE SERIOUS, ACTIVE ATTEMPT
TO MAKE THE MISSION A SUCCESS.

I AGREE WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT MR. VANCE'S TOUR IS
NOT LIKE HIS PREVIOUS ONE, FOR THIS RECENT TRIP IS CONSIDERED
THE OUTSET OF A NEW AND DECISIVE PHASE IN U.S. DIPLOMACY.

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IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY'S
SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS WHICH WERE MARKED BY BOLDNESS, COURAGE,
AND SERIOUS ACTION TOWARD FINDING A DURABLE AND JUST PEACEFUL
SOLUTION FOR THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. IT HAS BECOME CLEAR
FOR ALL THE CONCERNED PARTIES THAT THIS TOUR IS CONSIDERED
TO BE OF SHARPER FOCUS AND OF GREATER EFFORT. IT ALSO
TAKES IN MORE COMPREHENSIVELY THE DIMENSIONS OF THE ISSUE.

THIS TOUR FURTHER INDICATES MORE CLEARLY AND EFFECTIVELY YOUR UNMISTAKABLE CONCERN FOR REACHING A JUST AND GENUINE PEACE IN THE REGION. THIS IN ITSELF AUGURS WELL FOR THE POSSIBLE CONVENING OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE OR FOR CONTINUING THE PREPARATIONS, THROUGH THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, AS ALLUDED TO BY SECRETARY VANCE.

I HAVE MET WITH SECRETARY VANCE WHO CONVEYED TO ME YOUR SOUND VIEWS. WE STUDIED TOGETHER THE VIEWPOINTS REGARDING THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, AND THE DANGERS ENCIRCLING OUR REGION WHICH HAVE INTENSIFIED IN THE AFRICAN HORN AND THE STATES BORDERING OUR ARAB SOUTH. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE VARIOUS DIMENSIONS OF THESE HAZARDS. MR. VANCE'S UNDERSTANDING AND ASSESSMENT OF THOSE DANGERS WERE EVIDENT. HIS EXCELLENCY MET ALSO WITH HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS CROWN PRINCE FAHD AND WITH SAUDI OFFICIALS, AND HAS ACQUIRED A GOOD AMOUNT OF INFORMATION WHICH HE WILL NO DOUBT CONVEY TO YOU. DISCUSSIONS WERE DONFINED TO THE EXTENT OF (ISRAEL'S) WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED SINCE THE JUNE 1967 WAR, AND THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE. I APPEAL TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND TO THE OFFICIALS OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION TO SEE THAT THE UNITED STATES ADOPTS A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TO SURMOUNT THE MAIN OBSTACLES TO THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE, FOREMOST BEING THE PALESTINIANS' ATTENDANCE. YOUR EXCELLENCY HAS ALREADY INDICATED

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ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT PALESTINIANS' PARTICIPATION IS ESSENTIAL AND VITAL, AND EVEN INEVITABLE.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT IF THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE WERE GIVEN THEIR RIGHTS, AND TREATED FAIRLY AS A PEOPLE THAT HAVE SUFFERED ENOUGH DISPLACEMENT AND AGONY, THIS WOULD PUSH FORWARD THE SERIOUS PEACEFUL TALKS AT THE CONFERENCE, AND WOULD RESULT IN GENUINE, JUST AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE REGION.

MR. PRESIDENT, WE IN SAUDI ARABIA, BY VIRTUE OF OUR DEEP-ROOTED TRADITIONAL BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND OUR COMMITMENT TO, AND CONCERN FOR, EXCHANGING WITH YOUR VIEWS, COUNSEL, AND ADVICE, AND NOW THAT YOU CAN SEE THINGS WITH CRYSTAL CLARITY, AND HAVE BECOME SUFFICIENTLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE BACKGROUND OF THE PROBLEM; AND NOW THAT SECRETARY VANCE HAS CONDUCTED A DETAILED STUDY AND A THOROUGH ANALYSIS OF THE VIEWS OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED WITH THE DISPUTE, WE DEEM IT IS HIGH TIME FOR THE UNITED STATES TO ASSUME ITS WORLD LEADING ROLE...AND TO ASSERT ITS PRESENCE AND PRESTIGE BEFORE ALL PEACE-LOVING PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. THIS THE U.S. CAN DO BY ADOPTING AN EVEN-HANDED,

JUST AND POSITIVE ROLE VIS-A-VIS ALL DISPUTING PARTIES IN
THE MIDDLE EAST, AND BY TAKING A FIRM, RESOLUTE STAND
AGAINST THE INTRANSIGENCE AND EXTREMISM OF ISRAEL'S GOVERN-
MENT WHICH IS TRIVING NOW HURRIEDLY TO EXPLODE THE SITUA-
TION IN SOUTH LEBANON WHICH WAS ABOUT TO SUBSIDE FOLLOWING
THE CHTAURA AGREEMENT.

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BY SUCH SIDE DISTRACTIONS, ISRAEL ATTEMPTS TO SABOTAGE
A GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE, AND THEREFORE ALSO SABOTAGES
YOUR PRAISEWORTHY EFFORTS AND THOSE OF YOUR WISE ADMINIS-
TRATION, THOSE EFFORTS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO SPREAD EQUAN-
IMINITY, PEACE, AND STABILITY AMONG ALL PEOPLES OF THE
REGION. SUCH ISRAELI EXTREMISM AND ARROGANCE, THEREFORE,
MUST CEASE.

BEFORE CLOSING THIS LETTER, I WOULD NOT OMIT TO REITERATE
MY PROFOUND THANKS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR ADMINISTRA-
TION, AND TO SECRETARY VANCE FOR YOUR SINCERE EFFORTS WHICH
ARE PERCEIVED BY ALL OF US. VARIOUS ARAB STATES, AND ALL
PEACE-LOVING COUNTRIES ARE VERY HOPEFULLY WATCHING WHAT
JUST STANCES YOU AND YOUR WISE ADMINISTRATION WILL ADOPT
IN THIS CONNECTION.

IN CLOSING, ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, MY SINCERE THANKS
FOR YOUR EXCELLENCY'S BEST HEALTH AND HAPPINESS, AND
INCREASED PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY FOR THE FRIENDLY PEOPLE
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

KHALID BIN ABD AL-AZIZ AL SAUD

TAIF, 1ST RAMADAN, 1397H
AUGUST 15, 1977

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